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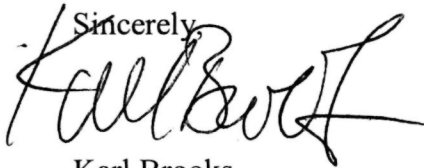
Missouri Lead Industry Employment,  
Economic Development and Environmental  
Remediation Task Force  
Chairman Gary Romine  
201 W Capitol Avenue, Room 334  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Chairman Romine:

Thank you for your letter of July 21, 2014, and your invitation to brief the Missouri Lead Industry Employment, Economic Development and Environmental Remediation Task Force on our plans for addressing the human health and ecological impacts from historic mining and ore processing in Southeast Missouri. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency would be glad to provide appropriate staff to brief the task force and address the issues raised in your letter. Considering the size of your committee and the potential difficulty in organizing the briefing, it may be more manageable to arrange a conference call to exchange information more efficiently. The EPA will also coordinate any response with our partners at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and would like to include them at the briefing.

The issues surrounding the investigation and development of response actions to protect human health and the environment are complex. The EPA continues to investigate the nature and extent of the problems created by the widespread release of lead in Missouri. We share your goal to protect the environment and health of the citizens of Missouri.

Please contact Ben Washburn (913)551-7364 to arrange a briefing or conference call.

Sincerely,  
  
Karl Brooks

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